

Victims' Compensation Assistance Program Advisory Council

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VCAP Offices

Wilmington, DE

Welcome

Introductions were made.

Minutes were approved from the September 14, 2017 meeting.

New Members

We welcomed two new members to the board who introduced themselves and provided a brief background.

Anna Marie McDermott is filling the medical personnel seat. Annamarie comes from Saint Francis hospital where she is the Director of Care Management, Manager of Social Services.

Jane Curschman is filling the New Castle County seat. Jane is with Community Legal Aid and formerly with the Domestic Violence Advocacy Center.

We still have an opening to fill the Kent County seat.

Financial report

Cara Sawyer handed out and reviewed the financial report. Revenue and spending were in-line with the last few years.

Regulation Change

The council voted in favor of a regulation change as it pertains to unlicensed therapists who provide counseling services that are billed to VCAP, and paying Medicare/Medicaid rates to those providers who are not paneled with Medicare/Medicaid but see patients who have that insurance.

Trends in Victims Compensation

The group talked about human trafficking and how VCAP is able to do to assist victims of human trafficking.

Annamarie McDermott mentioned that she and St. Francis Hospital are involved in two committees relevant to the work of VCAP. Both are through the Delaware HealthCare Association, a trade group to assist Delaware hospitals in working on issues concerning health care and the hospital industry. The Behavioral Health Committee, which has members from both medical hospital and behavioral health hospitals as well as state agencies. She stated that this group discusses mental health related legislation and state initiatives, and barriers medical hospitals face getting patients who present in Emergency Departments when in psychiatric crisis. This committee hosted a forum in September and are hoping to have a second one. The Healthcare Providers Human Trafficking committee is newly established. The group's first task

is to gather and evaluate health care assessment tools on human trafficking. The goals are to align this group with the state Human Trafficking Coordinating Council, and to be an active resource for healthcare providers to help provide education on Human Trafficking.

Public Comment

None

Members Present:

Deb Reed, Chair (DSP Victim Services), Abby Layton (DOJ), Erica Davis (DVTF/CHILD Inc.), Annamarie McDermott (St. Francis Hospital), Erin Connelly (proxy for Melissa Pennachi, VRTF, DOC), Jane Curschmann (CLASI)

Non-Members Present:

Cara Sawyer (VCAP), Dirk Durstein (DOJ), Maureen Monagle (DVCC), Nancy McGee (SAND)